

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-5. (Cancelled)

6. (New) A trim set attachment assembly for removably attaching a trim set to a mesh panel of an automotive seat assembly, said trim set attachment assembly comprising:

a retaining strip having an elongated base, at least one retainer extending transversely from said base to a distal end, and a plurality of flanges extending transversely from said base adjacent said at least one retainer;

at least one connector coupled between at least one of said flanges and the mesh panel for fixedly securing said retaining strip to the mesh panel; and

at least one tab adapted to be fixedly secured to and extend from the edge of the trim set, said tab having an anchor for engaging at least one of said retainers to secure said tab between said retaining strip and the mesh panel, thereby removably securing the trim set in relation to the mesh panel.

7. (New) The trim set attachment assembly of claim 6 wherein said retaining strip includes a plurality of spaced apart retainers extending generally perpendicular from said base to a distal end.

8. (New) The trim set attachment assembly of claim 7 wherein said retaining strip includes a plurality of spaced apart flanges extending generally perpendicular from said elongated base to a distal end.

9. (New) The trim set attachment assembly of claim 8 wherein each of said flanges includes an opening therethrough for receiving one of said tabs to fixedly secure said retaining strip to the mesh panel.

10. (New) The trim set attachment assembly of claim 9 wherein said retaining strip includes a slit formed between each of said flanges and retainers for allowing said base to flex and bend along the contour of the seat assembly.

11. (New) The trim set attachment assembly of claim 10 wherein said tab includes a trim piece having a first end adapted to be fixedly secured to the trim set and a second end fixedly secured to said anchor.

12. (New) The trim set attachment assembly of claim 11 wherein said anchor is in the form of a hook for removably receiving said distal end of one of said retainers therein to removable secure the trim set to said retaining strip.

13. (New) The trim set attachment assembly of claim 12 wherein said anchor of said tab extends longitudinally and parallel to said base of said retaining strip for engaging a plurality of said retainers to removably secure the trim set to said retaining strip.

14. (New) The trim set attachment assembly of claim 13 wherein said retaining strip includes a plurality of retainers positioned between adjacent spaced apart flanges for receiving said tabs therebetween.

15. (New) The trim set attachment assembly of claim 14 wherein each of said connectors includes a pin extending between a head and a collar forming a channel therebetween for capturing and retaining the mesh panel.

16. (New) The trim set attachment assembly of claim 15 wherein each of said connectors includes a ball on the distal end of said collar for passing through the mesh panel and said opening in one of said flanges, wherein said flange is fixedly retained between said head and said collar.

17. (New) The trim set attachment assembly of claim 16 wherein said flanges and retainers are integrally molded with said base to form said retaining strip.